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SUBSEQUENT TO REFTTEL, MISSION RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEX
FROM ICRC REGARDING THEIR PROGRAM IN CHAD:

QUOTE: SINCE PUBLICATION OF CHAD SITREP NO. 1 ON 31 MARCH
THE SITUATION HAS NOT IMPROVED. INDEED ALL INDICATIONS
ARE THAT FIGHTING IS INTENSIFYING BUT PRECISE INFORMATION
EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN DUE TO SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES
MOVEMENT BY LAND AND AIR.

CERTAIN FACTS HOWEVER ARE CLEAR:

- A. ICRC MUST REPEAT MUST ASSURE PROTECTION OF AND ASSISTANCE TO MORE THAN 2,500 PW HELD BY FROLINAT.
 - B. WE HAVE AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES TO CARRY OUT OUR TASKS UNDER GENEVA CONVENTIONS AND 16 DELEGATES AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL ARE DEPLOYED FOR THIS PURPOSE.
 - C. THERE IS URGENT NEED FOR FOODSTUFFS BUT THIS INVOLVES USE OF AIRCRAFT TYPE DC-3/DC-4 OR HERCULES ENTAILING HEAVY
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EXPENDITURE.
IT HAS BECOME EVIDENT THAT SOME GOVERNMENTS AND NATIONAL SOCIETIES DID NOT APPRECIATE THAT SITREP NO. 1 CONSTITUTED AN APPEAL. RESULT IS THAT RESPONSE HAS BEEN MINIMAL AND ACTION IS AT PRESENT ON A DEFICIT BASIS WHICH CANNOT CONTINUE FOR LONG. UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FORTHCOMING BY END OF NEXT WEEK, ICRC WILL BE FORCED TO CONTEM-

PLATE ABANDONING ITS TASKS AND THIS IS VIRTUALLY UNTHINK-
ABLE. IT WOULD (A) ENDANGER LIVES OF PW AND OTHERS DEPEN-
DENT ON ICRC PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE; (B) CAST DOUBT ON
CREDIBILITY OF RED CROSS; AND (C) PROBABLY HAVE SERIOUS
REPERCUSSIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS ACTIVITIES AND
REPUTATION THROUGHOUT WHOLE OF AFRICA.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO EARNESTLY REQUEST
URGENTLY SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING YOUR GOVERNMENT COULD DO.
(SIGNED) HOCHE, DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS.
END QUOTE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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